(2) that a Higher Grade Elementary School should also be established in each of the *pakuthies* of Kondoor, Meenachil and Bharananganam, besides starting the Higher Grade Elementary School at Ramapuram, already ordered by the Dewan in his circuit, and another school at Mutholy, a place approved of by the educational authorities;

(3) that a Higher Grade Elementary School be established at Pala;

(4) that eight more Lower Grade Elementary Schools for Boys should be sanctioned for the taluk or building grants allowed for the buildings put up by the public ; and

(5) that eight Lower Grade Elementary Schools for Girls be also established in the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

131. The need for more educational facilities in the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. Thariyathu Kunji Thomman (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) thanked the Government for their generous policy pursued in all administrative matters generally, and in education in particular. But he regretted that the very backward condition of the northern-most taluks—especially the interior taluks of Kunnathnad, Muvattupuzha and Thodupuzha—in point of education, did not yet attract the attention of the Government. The seeds of education in the above taluks had not been sown at a time when it was done in South and Central Travancore. He then quoted the Census Report and showed that the taluks mentioned were by far the most backward in point of education, and he, therefore, claimed for them special treatment. There was now only one L. G. S. School at Muvattupuzha. As the bulk of the population was on the northern half of the taluk, he asked for the opening of another L. G. S. School at Kothamangalam Bazaar. The insufficiency of pupils at the beginning should be no bar, as the taluk was essentially backward and a school might not therefore thrive at the very start. He also requested that a large number of Elementary schools should be established in the three taluks and he suggested one H. G. E. School for every 30,000 of population and one L. G. E. School for every one hundred houses.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

132. The need for a Higher Grade Secondary School at Alwaya.

Mr. Kumaran Raman Karthavu (Member, Alangad taluk) said that much inconvenience was experienced for want of a Higher Grade Secondary School at Alwaye. There were two Lower Grade Secondary Schools in Alwaye, and it was necessary to establish a Higher Grade Secondary School for the convenience of the students who passed out from the two schools. If the Government could not see their way to immediately establish a Departmental Higher Grade Secondary School, he requested that St. Mary's Higher Grade Secondary School at Alwaye might be given recognition. The school authorities had provided the school with all the necessary equipment under the Code. It would then be possible to shift the Lower Grade Secondary School at Alwaye to Edapalli.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

133. The need for suitable building for the Higher Grade Elementary School for Boys at Parur.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Parur) said that the building in which the Higher Grade Elementary School for Boys at Parur was now held was in a dilapidated condition.

Dewan.—A new site is being acquired for putting up a *pucka* building.

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